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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR FUEL CELL  
SEALS, TOP COVER GASKETS FOR HARD  
DISK DRIVES AND CABLE CONNECTOR  
SEALS, AND USES THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2006, finally rejecting claims 16-21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.